

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A combination of a structure for holding tape cartridges in a same library, a grasping device, and at least a first recording tape cartridge and a second recording tape cartridge, the combination comprising:

 a plurality of accommodation chambers in said structure which are configured to accommodate both the first recording tape cartridge and the second recording tape cartridge separately, the first recording tape cartridge being structurally different than the second recording tape cartridge,

 the grasping device being disposed in proximity to the structure for holding the tape cartridges so as to grasp the tape cartridges,

 the first recording tape cartridge and the second tape cartridge each comprise,

 a case rotatably accommodating a reel around which a recording tape is wound;

 and

 grasped portions which include concave portions provided at side walls of the case, and which the grasping device grasps from both sides,

 wherein a height from a floor surface of the accommodating chamber to the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge at a time when the first recording tape cartridge is accommodated in the accommodating chamber is the same as a height from the floor surface of the accommodating chamber to grasped portions of the second recording tape cartridge when the second recording tape cartridge is separately accommodated in the same accommodating

chamber, and an interval between corner portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge is the same as an interval between corner portions of the grasped portions of the second recording tape cartridge, and corner portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge at an accommodating side of the library are chamfered, and

wherein portions of the side walls of the case of the first recording tape cartridge extend from the concave portions of the first recording tape cartridge, and the case of the first recording tape cartridge has overhang portions which hang over further outwardly than the portions of the side walls that extend from the concave portions of the first recording tape cartridge, and which can be supported from beneath by the grasping device.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The structure of claim 1, wherein the chamfered corner portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge are inclined walls which are inclined at a predetermined angle.

4. (currently amended): The structure of claim 2_1, wherein the overhang portions are reference surfaces, in a heightwise direction, for positioning of the first recording tape cartridge.

5. (currently amended): The structure of claim 1 2, wherein the first recording tape cartridge further comprises inclined walls at rear sides continuous from the side walls.

6. (currently amended): The structure of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein the concave portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge can be grasped by claws of the grasping device and a depth of the concave portions of the first recording tape cartridge is formed to be one of substantially the same as or slightly deeper than a length of the claw portions.

7. (previously presented): The structure of claim 5, wherein the inclined walls are guide surfaces which are operable to guide the grasping device to the concave portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge.

8. (currently amended): A method of manufacturing a combination of at least a first recording tape cartridge and a second recording tape cartridge, a grasping device and a structure which holds the at least first recording tape cartridge and the second recording tape cartridge in a same library, the method comprising:

forming a plurality of accommodation chambers which are configured to respectively accommodate both the first recording tape cartridge and the second recording tape cartridge separately,

providing the grasping device in proximity to the structure for holding the tape cartridges, so that the grasping device grasps the tape cartridges,

forming the first recording tape cartridge to be structurally different than the second recording tape cartridge, and for each of the first recording tape cartridge and the second recording tape cartridge,

preparing a case which rotatably accommodates a reel on which a recording tape is wound; and

forming grased portions, which the grasping device grasps from both sides, at side walls of the case;

making an interval between a first pair of corner portions of the grased portions, of the first recording tape cartridge, the same as an interval between a first pair of corner portions of grased portions of the second recording tape cartridge; and

chamfering a second pair of corner portions of the grased portions of the first recording tape cartridge; and

making a height from a floor surface of the accommodating chamber to the grased portions of the first recording tape cartridge, at a time when the first recording tape cartridge is accommodated in one of the accommodating chambers of the library, the same as a height from the floor surface of the one of the accommodating chambers to the grased portions of the second recording tape cartridge, at a time when the second recording tape cartridge is accommodated in the one of the accommodating chambers,

wherein forming the grased portions of the first recording tape cartridge includes forming concave portions, and the method further comprises providing portions of the side walls of the case of the first recording tape cartridge to extend from the concave portions of the first recording tape cartridge, and further providing, at the case of the first recording tape cartridge, overhang portions which hang over further outwardly than the portions of the side walls that extend from the concave portions of the first recording tape cartridge, and which can be supported from beneath by the grasping device.

9. (canceled).

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 8, wherein the chamfering includes forming inclined walls, which are inclined at a predetermined angle, at the second pair of corner portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge.

11. (currently amended): The method of claim 8 9, wherein the providing the overhang portions includes making the overhang portions to be reference surfaces, in a heightwise direction, for positioning of the first recording tape cartridge.

12. (currently amended): The method of claim 8 9, further comprising providing inclined walls at rear sides continuous from the side walls.

13. (currently amended): The method of claim 8 9, wherein forming of the concave portions includes forming a depth of the concave portions to be one of substantially the same as and slightly deeper than a length of claw portions of the grasping device.

14. (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein providing the inclined walls includes making the inclined walls to be guide surfaces which can guide the grasping device to the concave portions of the grasped portions of the first recording tape cartridge.